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WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) conducted a teleconference meeting on June 9, 2016. Senator Hart and Representative Mommsen were in attendance. The following items were discussed:

- The treasurer's report indicated that there is \$2.1 million of obligated funds in the General Fund account for the WIRB and an unobligated balance of \$400,000 as of May 31, 2016. There is an additional \$1.7 million of obligated funds in the Watershed Protection Fund.
- The Legislature passed <u>HF 2454</u> (Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) that was signed and item vetoed by the Governor on May 27, 2016. The Act specified that new WIRB grant activities would be suspended but the Board would remain active until all projects were completed. As of June 9, 2016, there are 28 active projects. The Board can also approve amendments to finish projects, but cannot approve amendments that expand the scope of a project.
- The Board approved an amendment to the West Fork Middle Nodaway project and approved four final reports.

Additional Information. For additional information, refer to the WIRB website.

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